

<b>Notice of Allowability</b>	<b>Application No.</b>	<b>Applicant(s)</b>	
	10/029,537	RYDER, MARTYN	
	<b>Examiner</b>	<b>Art Unit</b>	
	Phi D. A	3637	

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to telephone interview 9/16/05, and 10/3/05.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-4,6-10,13,15-17,20,22 and 24.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
  - a) ☐ All    b) ☐ Some\*    c) ☐ None    of the:
  1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* Certified copies not received: \_\_\_\_\_.

Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.  
**THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.**

4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
  5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS ( as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
    - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review ( PTO-948) attached
      - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
    - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).**
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

**Attachment(s)**

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)</li> <li>2. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)</li> <li>3. <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),<br/>Paper No./Mail Date _____</li> <li>4. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit<br/>of Biological Material</li> </ol> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)</li> <li>6. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413),<br/>Paper No./Mail Date _____</li> <li>7. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Amendment/Comment</li> <li>8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance</li> <li>9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____</li> </ol> |
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### **EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT**

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with David Taylor on 9/16/05.

The application has been amended as follows:

**Claim 1 line 8 after " comprising ", insert --- a front sheet and at least one side sheet, and ---**

**Line 10 after " to the floor", insert --- and an excess of the flexible material resting directly on the floor, the flexible material ---**

**Line 11, delete [ and ] first occurrence**

**Line 11, replace [ ; and ] with ---- and a flexible portion in the shape of a glove or capable of being deformed into the shape of a glove; and ---**

**Cancel claim 5**

**Claim 7 line 2, replace [ enclosure barrier consists essentially of a front sheet, ] with --- at least one side sheet comprises ----**

**Claim 8 line 2, after " composed of", insert --- the ---**

**Claim 9 line 2, after " composed of", insert --- the ---**

**Cancel claims 12, 14**

**Claim 15 line 1, replace [ 14 ] with --- 1 ---**

**Claim 20 lines 5-11, replace [ , at least a first part of which .....inside the processing zone; and ] with ---- positioned in the powder handling booth and spaced apart from the rear wall to define a processing zone between the barrier means and the rear wall, wherein the barrier means extends from the upper surface at least to the floor of the powder handling booth, the barrier means comprising a front sheet, and at least one side sheet, and at least a first part adapted or adaptable to permit the operator in the powder handling booth outside the processing zone to operate inside the processing zone, the first part comprising a flexible material extending at least to the floor and an excess of the flexible material resting directly on the floor, the flexible material comprising an untethered lower edge and a flexible portion in the shape of a glove or capable of being deformed into the shape of a glove; and ---**

**Cancel claim 21**

**Claim 22 line 1, replace [ a portion of ] with --- the flexible material resting directly on ----**

**Claim 22 lines 2-4, delete [ , and wherein the barrier....processing zone ]**

**Cancel claim 23**

**Claim 24 line 1, replace [ a portion ] with --- the flexible material resting directly on ---**

**Claim 24 lines 3-4, delete [ ; and wherein the ....processing zone ]**

**Cancel claim 25**

2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: the prior art does not show an excess of the flexible material being resting directly on the floor, the flexible material

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comprising an untethered lower edge and a flexible portion in the shape of a glove or capable of being deformed into the shape of a glove in combination with other claimed limitations.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

### *Conclusion*

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Phi D A whose telephone number is 571-272-6864. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Tuesday, Thursday and Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Lanna Mai can be reached on 571-272-6867. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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